

TIVERTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Regular meeting minutes: January 9, 2008

1: Call to order

Vice Chair Laura Epke called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm at the Tiverton Town Hall.

Members present: Laura Epke, Frank Marshall, Stanley Zeramby, Deb Pallasch, Diane Harris, Bob Koohy Absent: Ray Medeiros. Cecil Leonard, Richard Joslin

2: Approval of minutes

Motion made by B. Koohy, seconded by F. Marshall, to approve minutes as amended for Dec. 12, 2007. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Receive comments from invited groups/individuals

Wastewater Mgmt Commission/Superintendent:

Representative Ray Joubert presented the Commission with a handout that outlined recommended changes to Article 1010 (a). Wastewater Commission feels change would clarify that paragraph.

Cemetery Commission:

No one present

Tree Committee/Tree Warden:

Representative Peter Moniz recommended the following addition to section 1013:

Trees on school property are under the jurisdiction of the school department. The school department will consult with the Tree Warden before the removal of any tree(s) on school property.

4. Public Input

- Peter Moniz: Feels that there should be a group that is responsible for long-term strategic planning for capital improvements - would be advisory to the council.
- Open Space Commission: Representative Garry Plunkett provided the Commission with a handout delineating suggested changes to section 1004 of the charter, which would more clearly define open space and acknowledge and provide legal standing for the stewardship currently done by volunteers.
- Joanne Arruda: Ms. Arruda provided a handout to the Commission, delineating suggested changes to section 1210 – “Termination, Suspension and Removal from

office”. Ms. Arruda felt that some of the current language was vague, with the suggested changes helping to clarify the procedure. Ms. Arruda also felt that it was necessary to have an appeal process for all employees clearly spelled out in the charter.

- Motion by B. Koohey, seconded by D. Pallasch, to continue to January 16th the proposed changes recommend by the Personnel Board. Secretary to contact to clarify if they would like to speak to the changes.

5. Public Forum publicity

Reviewed Public Forum Flyer provided by L. Epke.

Reviewed and amended the press release prepared by F. Joslin for upcoming meetings and public forum.

6. Preliminary Commission discussion re: input for proposed changes

No items from previous meeting placed on Working Document.

Review Comp Plan’s Agenda for Action for inclusion to working document:

1. Motion by S. Zeramby to add action item to “Establish a Housing Commission.”
No second.
2. Motion by B. Koohey, seconded by D. Harris, to add to working document action item to “Amend the charter to transfer the regulatory power of the Wastewater management Commission to the DPW.

Voting: In Favor- B. Koohey, D. Harris, L. Epke, S. Zeramby Against- F. Marshall, D. Pallasch. Motion passed.

7. Other Business

Motion by B. Koohey, seconded by S. Zeramby, to have Secretary send all minutes to the Tiverton town website administrator for posting. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment

The Commission’s December 12, 2007 regular meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Minutes recorded and compiled by Deborah Pallasch, Secretary.